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illustration, and his subject is one that cannot be made exactly entertaining; but all who are interested in the practical working of our public-school system will like to read his book.

AMONG THE PUBLISHERS.

THE Alvarenga prize of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, consisting of one year's income of the bequest of the late Señor Alvarenga of Lisbon, has been awarded to Dr. R. W. Philip of the Victoria Dispensary for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Edinburgh, for his essay on pulmonary tuberculosis, which will be published by the college.

—Harper & Brothers have just ready "The Aztec Treasure House," by Thomas Janvier, who, in the form of romance, gives the result of many years of unremitting labor, and furnishes reliable facts regarding Yucatan and Mexico, put together with his special knack at artistic color in word-painting.

—In consequence of his having been appointed sole agent in America for the Religious Tract Society's publications, Fleming H. Revell announces the following periodicals published by the society: *The Leisure Hour*, *The Sunday at Home*, *The Boy's Own Paper*, *The Girl's Own Paper*.

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the German language and literature in Cornell University. This volume will embrace selections not only from the more familiar "Buch der Lieder," but also from Heine's later and posthumous poems, an examination of which is essential to complete the picture of his matured genius.

—We learn from *Nature* of July 3 that Messrs. Mawson, Swan, & Morgan propose to issue a lithographed facsimile of an old manuscript volume of apothecaries' lore and household recipes, which was discovered some years ago among the papers belonging to the old firm of Gilpin & Co., chemists, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle. Careful examination, in which some of the curators of the British Museum have assisted, shows that the manuscript dates from about the time of Queen Elizabeth, additions having been made from time to time, in various handwritings, up to the middle of last century.

—Messrs. Macmillan & Co. have nearly ready for publication two works of great interest to students of ornithology, both of American origin. The first is a treatise on the "Myology of the Raven," intended as an introduction to the study of the muscular system in birds, by Dr. R. W. Shufeldt of the Smithsonian Institution. The second is a revised re-issue, in one volume of convenient size, of the very valuable monographs on field ornithology and on general ornithology, which were prefixed to Dr. Elliott Coues's monumental "Key to North American Birds." Part I., on field ornithology, contains the necessary instructions for the observation and collection of birds in the field, and for the preparation and preservation of specimens for scientific study. Part II. is a technical treatise on the classification, the zoological characters, and the anatomical structure of the class of birds, in which the examples cited in illustration of the principles of ornithology have for the most part been re-drawn by the author from British instead of American birds.

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